

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**David A. Joseph, Sr., *et al.*,**

**Plaintiff,**

**v.**

**Case No. 2:15-cv-85**

**Christie Hampton, *et al.*,**

**Judge Michael H. Watson**

**Defendants.**

**OPINION AND ORDER**

Magistrate Judge King issued a report and recommendation (“R&R”) in this *pro se* prisoner civil rights case in which Plaintiff David A. Joseph, Sr. purports to represent a class of plaintiffs. R&R, ECF No. 4. The R&R concluded that Plaintiff David A. Joseph, Sr. cannot represent the other named plaintiffs in this case because parties may not be represented by a non-lawyer in federal judicial proceedings. *Id.* at 2. The R&R thus recommended dismissing the claims of the other plaintiffs unless, within thirty days, each of those plaintiffs either pays the filing fee or seeks leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and demonstrates his or her intention to proceed either personally or through counsel. *Id.*


The R&R notified the parties of their right to object within fourteen days of the issuance of the R&R and specifically advised the parties that a failure to object would result in a waiver of the right to *de novo* review of the R&R by the

undersigned as well as a waiver of the right to appeal the judgment of the Court.

*Id.* at 3. The time for objecting has passed, and no objections were filed.

Accordingly, the Court **ADOPTS** the R&R.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

  
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**MICHAEL H. WATSON, JUDGE**  
**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**